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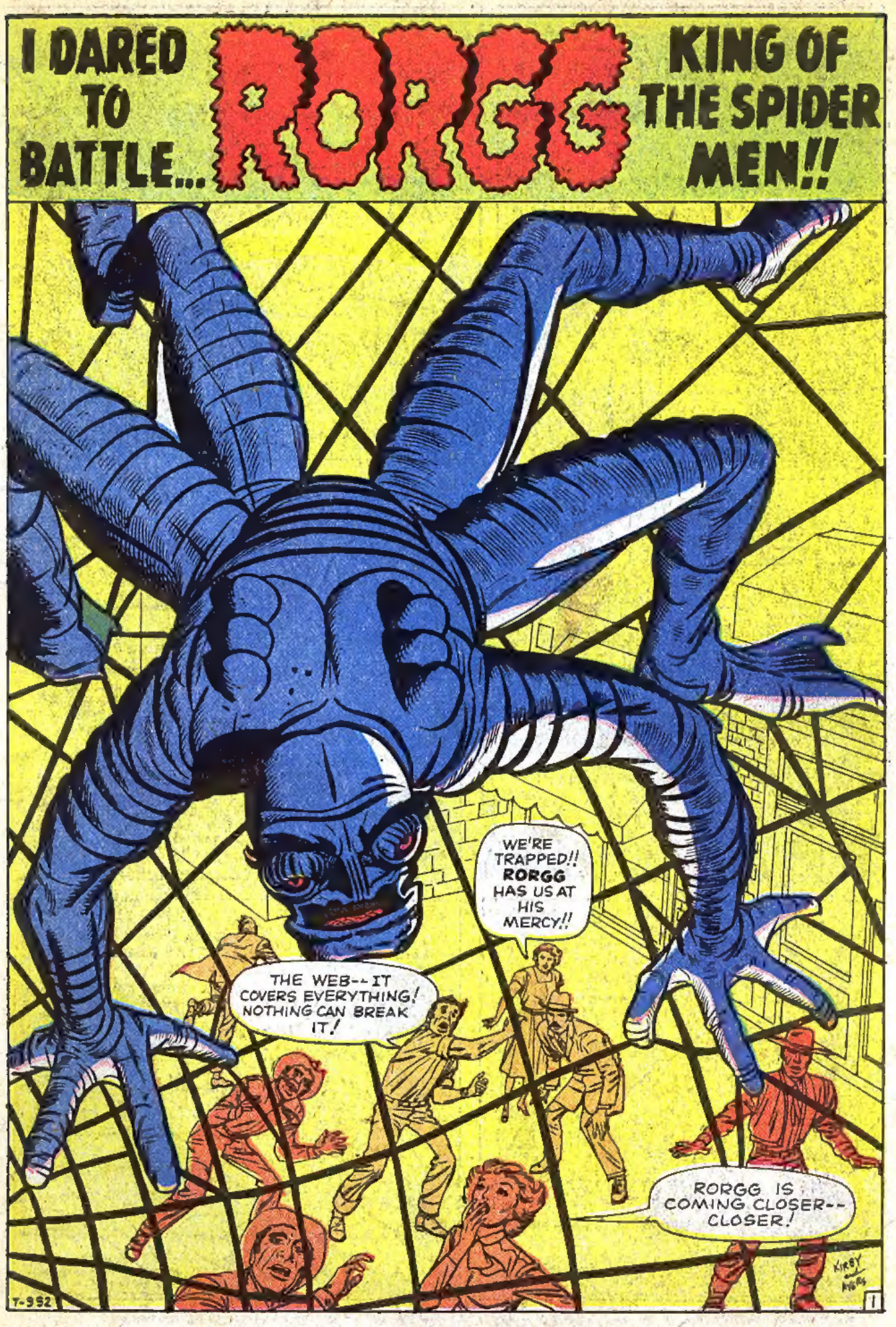
I DARED TO BATTLE... RORGG KING OF THE SPIDER MEN!!
WE'RE TRAPPED!! RORGG HAS US AT HIS MERCY!!
THE WEB--IT COVERS EVERYTHING! NOTHING CAN BREAK IT!
RORGG IS COMING CLOSER--CLOSER!
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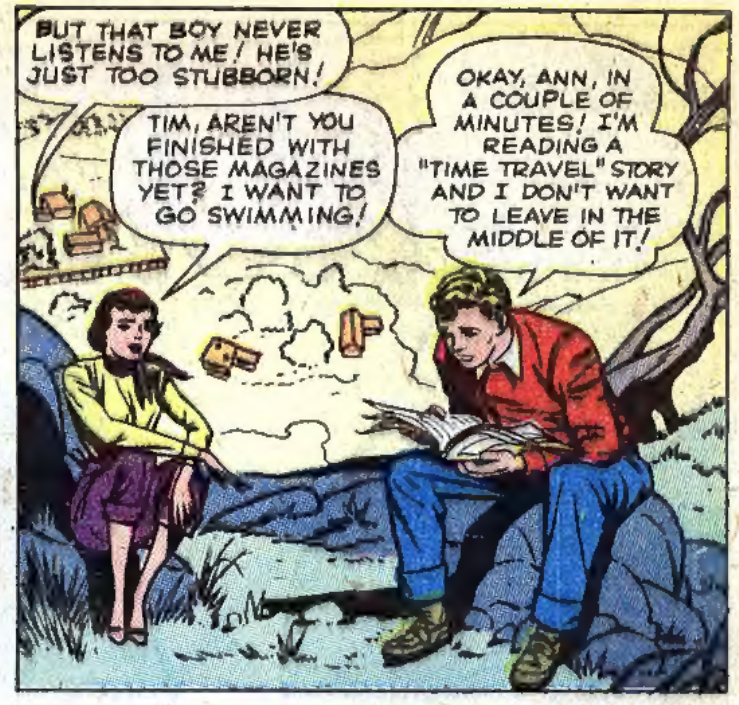
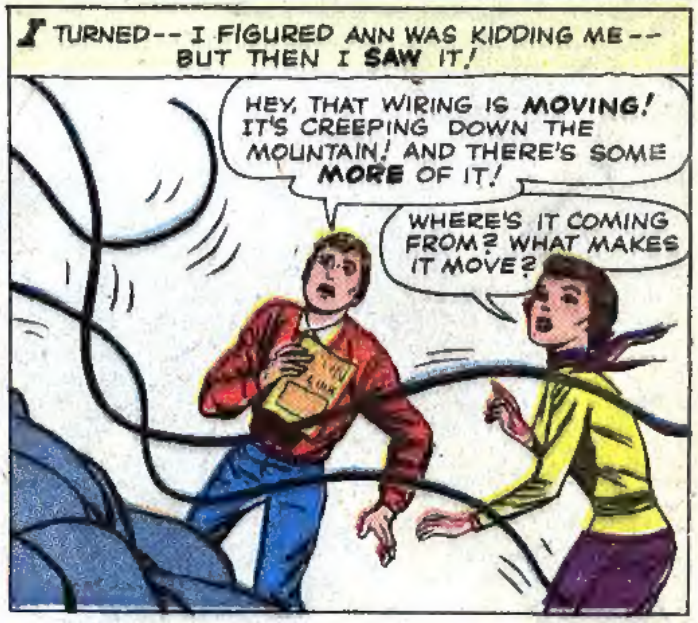
IT HAPPENED RIGHT WHERE I LIVE, IN A SMALL, NEW MEXICAN TOWN! I WAS FOURTEEN AT THE TIME...
FRANK, I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER, BUT I CAN'T FIND TIM! I'LL BET HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE--READING COMIC BOOKS AGAIN!
DOGGONE THAT KID! I'VE TOLD HIM A HUNDRED TIMES NOT TO READ THAT SCIENCE-FICTION ADVENTURE STUFF! ALL IT DOES IS FILL HIS HEAD WITH A LOT OF NONSENSE!

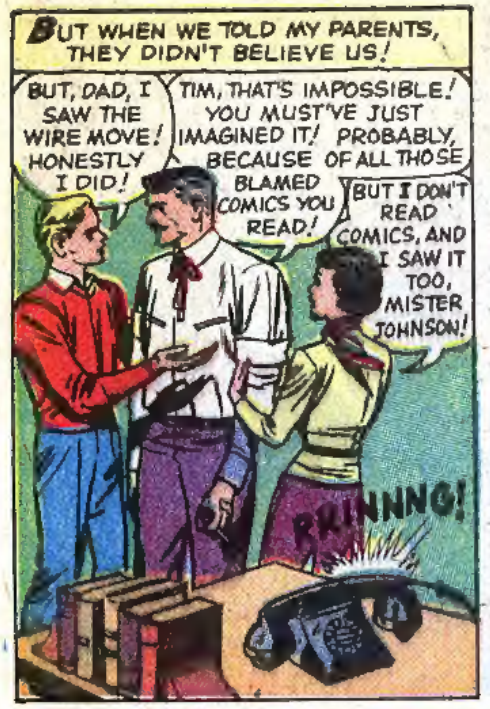

BUT THAT BOY NEVER LISTENS TO ME! HE'S JUST TOO STUBBORN!
TIM, AREN'T YOU FINISHED WITH THOSE MAGAZINES YET? I WANT TO GO SWIMMING!
OKAY, ANN, IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES! I'M READING A "TIME TRAVEL" STORY AND I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!

IT'S ALL ABOUT A SCIENTIST WHO GOES BACK INTO THE PAST AND--
TIM, LOOK--THERE'S SOME KIND OF WIRE OVER THERE! IT'S MOVING!

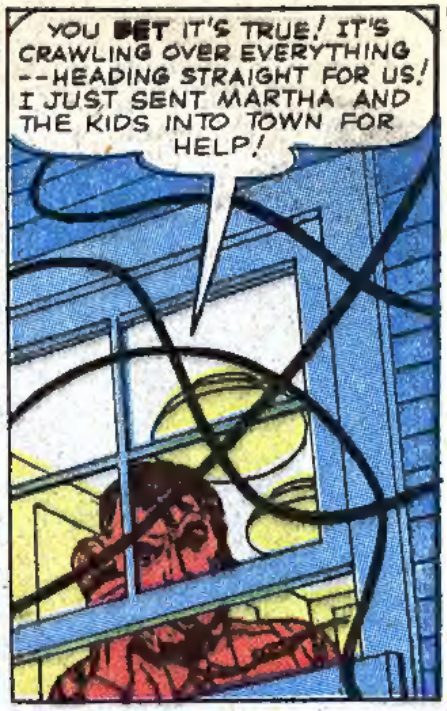

I TURNED--I FIGURED ANN WAS KIDDING ME--BUT THEN I SAW IT!
HEY, THAT WIRING IS MOVING! IT'S CREEPING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN! AND THERE'S SOME MORE OF IT!
WHERE'S IT COMING FROM? WHAT MAKES IT MOVE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT SURE IS STRONG--TOO STRONG TO BREAK!
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS, TIM! I THINK WE'D BETTER GET OFF THE MOUNTAIN--RIGHT AWAY!

ANN WAS SCARED... AND SO WAS I! I GRABBED HER HAND AND STARTED TO RUN DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE!
C'MON--LET'S TELL MY FOLKS ABOUT THIS!

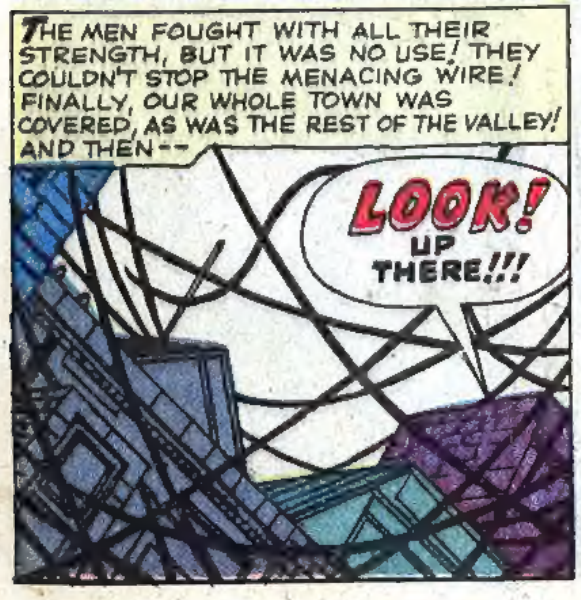

BUT WHEN WE TOLD MY PARENTS, THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE US!
BUT, DAD, I SAW THE WIRE MOVE! HONESTLY I DID!
TIM, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU MUST'VE JUST IMAGINED IT! PROBABLY, BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE BLAMED COMICS YOU READ!
BUT I DON'T READ COMICS, AND I SAW IT TOO, MISTER JOHNSON!
BRINNNG!

WHAT...WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, FRED...IT'S CREEPING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN ONTO YOUR FARM! THEN IT'S TRUE! IT'S REALLY TRUE!


YOU BET IT'S TRUE! IT'S CRAWLING OVER EVERYTHING --HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US! I JUST SENT MARTHA AND THE KIDS INTO TOWN FOR HELP!

THE MOVING WIRE WENT FARTHER AND FARTHER INTO THE VALLEY, COVERING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH! IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE IT HAD REACHED OUT TO OUR TOWN!
GOOD GRIEF--LOOK AT THOSE THINGS COMING TOWARD US! IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THEY WERE ALIVE!
NO, THEY'RE NOT ALIVE--BUT SOMETHING LIVING MUST BE CAUSING THEM TO MOVE! BUT WHAT? WHAT??

THE WIRES ENTERED OUR TOWN...THEN THEY BEGAN TO CROSS EACH OTHER...
THEY'RE CRISS-CROSSING LIKE A MONSTROUS SPIDER WEB!!
I CAN'T HOLD THEM BACK--THEY'RE TOO STRONG! THEY'RE CREEPING ALL OVER ME!


THE MEN FOUGHT WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH, BUT IT WAS NO USE! THEY COULDN'T STOP THE MENACING WIRE! FINALLY, OUR WHOLE TOWN WAS COVERED, AS WAS THE REST OF THE VALLEY! AND THEN--
LOOK! UP THERE!!!

IT'S A GIANT SPIDER-LIKE THING!!
AND BEHIND HIM, THERE ARE OTHERS!
THEY'RE ALL COMING OVER THE MOUNTAIN! THEY'RE COMING DOWN HERE!!

WORKING OUR WAY UNDER THE NET, ANN AND I REACHED THE CENTER OF TOWN JUST AS THE LARGEST OF THE CREEPING MONSTERS BEGAN TO SPEAK!

HEAR ME, EARTHLINGS! I AM RORGG, KING OF THE SPIDER MEN!

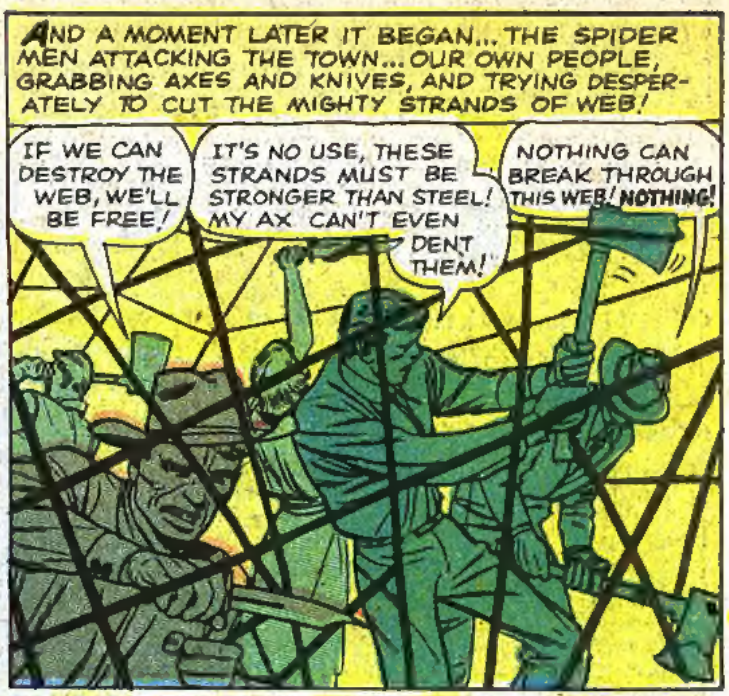
TIM, I-I'M FRIGHTENED!

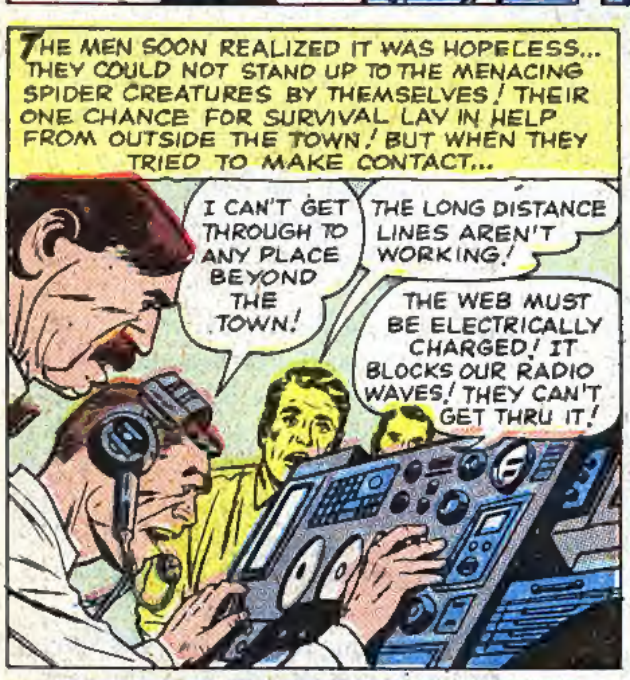
HANG ON, ANN--DON'T PANIC! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THIS IS ABOUT YET!!

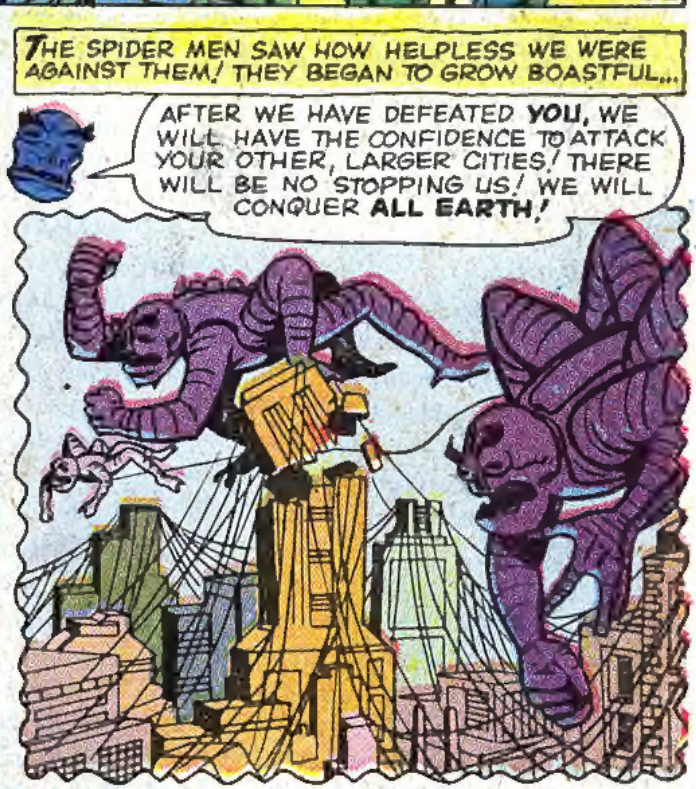
I AND MY WARRIORS COME FROM A GREAT, DISTANT GALAXY! OUR WORLD--OUR CIVILIZATION--IS FAR SUPERIOR TO YOURS!

WE NEED NO ROADS, NO HIGHWAYS! WE ARE ABLE TO GO **EVERYWHERE** BY MEANS OF OUR WEBS!

THAT IS WHY WE DECIDED TO BECOME CONQUERORS--AND WE CHOSE YOUR PLANET FOR OUR FIRST CONQUEST!! WE BUILT NO SPACE-SHIPS! WE HAVE MERELY TO PROJECT OUR WEBS OUT AT FASTER-THAN-LIGHT SPEEDS AND TRAVEL ON THEM ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!







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THE WEATHERMAN

"DON'T know what the world is coming to," said Willie Wimms as he put down the morning newspaper. "Says here that there's a scientific rainmaker working this area. Seems it's been too dry and the reservoir water is running low. The prediction is for the rain to break this afternoon. Imagine that, rain today and all because science can make it!"

"Well, what's wrong with artificial rainmaking?" asked his bright-eyed son, Hugh Wimms.

"Oh, nothing's wrong with it," his father replied. "I'm just amazed at what folks are able to do nowadays."

Hugh shrugged his shoulders. It didn't affect him like it did his father to read about modern rainmaking. He was growing up in an age where he accepted these things as casually as his Dad had once regarded electric lights or radio.

"Only thing that bothers me," Hugh confessed, "is that our baseball outing will be rained out! The fellows were planning a picnic, too. Golly, I wish this old rainmaker didn't have to spoil our fun. There's nothing we can do now."

"Hugh, will you come here a minute," his mother called. "I forgot to pick up your father's cold medicine when I was in town this morning, but I can't run in again. I've got to get the laundry done before this rain ruins my chances to dry the wash. Your Dad mustn't take a chill by going out, so I'm going to send you. Put on your rain slicker in case it starts coming down, and ride your bicycle carefuly over the roads in case you get caught in the downpour.

"I don't know if we should let Hugh go out now," his father said with a worried shake of his head. "It's a long way to town, and if a storm breaks before he gets back here . . ."

"Oh, please, Dad, I'll manage fine!" Hugh assured him. "Doctor said you should take that medicine, you know."

He ran to get his rain gear, and his mother looked after him smilingly.

"He's proud as can be to have the responsibility," she told Mr. Wimms, "And besides, it does give him something to do now that the boys have had their plans spoiled."

After Hugh left the druggist, he noticed that the sky was quite dark. He would have to hurry or he might get caught in the storm, he decided. He pedaled his bicycle as fast as he could. When he saw a stick lying on the road ahead of him, he had no time to brake and avoid it. Fortunately, it was not too large a stick, so he rode over it. The stick snapped in two, but at the same time there was a rumble of loud thunder, and the wheels of his bicycle went flat. The bicycle jogged to a stop, and Hugh tumbled off.

"How could a little stick like that cause so much trouble?" he asked aloud as he got to his feet again.

"Trouble!" a voice exclaimed behind him. "That stick didn't cause as much trouble as *you* did, *my* lad! That stick was one of my most valuable tools!"

Hugh turned quickly to see a strange-looking fellow staring angrily at him. He was dressed head to foot in an oilskin wrapper unlike any raincoat Hugh had ever seen.

"I'm sorry if I caused you any trouble," Hugh apoligized politely. "I was hurrying home to . . ."

"Indeed you were," snapped the little man. "Just look up there and you'll see what you've done!"

Hugh looked skywards. He could hardly believe his eyes! The clouds overhead had split as cleanly as the stick he had broken, and the clear sky gleamed through.

"I . . . I don't understand how I did that," Hugh stammered in confusion.

"Young man," the stranger said, "this is the first time in thousands of years that I've quarreled with anyone who interfered with my work. I usually don't brag to folks about the work I do. Today I guess I let my temper get the better of me. You might as well know the whole story.

"I am a rainmaker, one of the best there is, I must admit. Now, fellows in my profession have a lot of land to cover. When it's off-season in my particular territory, I can take a

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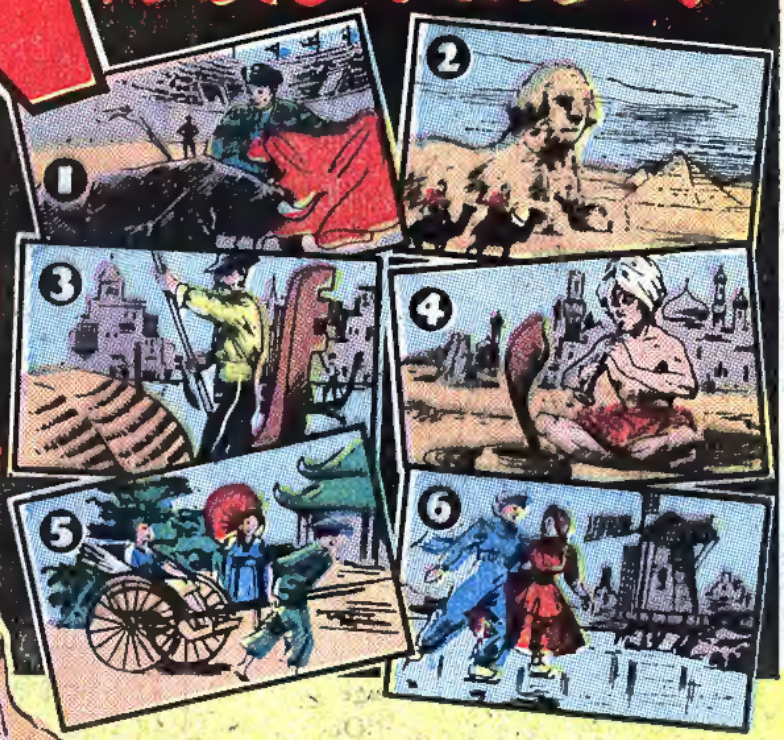
WIN A BIG PRIZE!



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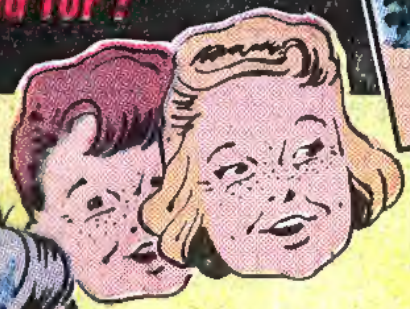

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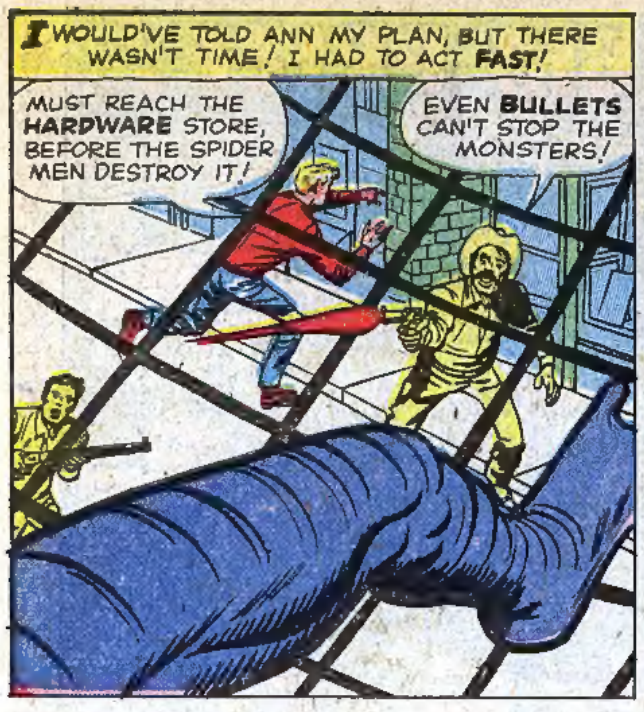
I WOULD'VE TOLD ANN MY PLAN, BUT THERE WASN'T TIME! I HAD TO ACT FAST!
MUST REACH THE HARDWARE STORE, BEFORE THE SPIDER MEN DESTROY IT!
EVEN BULLETS CAN'T STOP THE MONSTERS!

MEANWHILE, THE RUTHLESS INVADERS DECIDED TO FINISH US OFF!
WE HAVE PROVEN OUR SUPERIORITY, EARTHLINGS! YOU CANNOT DEFY US! THUS, WE SHALL NOW DESTROY YOU!
NO-- SPARE US!
DON'T PLEAD! SHOW THEM WE'RE NOT AFRAID!!

IGNORE THE WHIMPERING OF THESE PUNY EARTHLINGS! SHOW THEM NO MERCY! SLAY THEM ALL!
I HAVE WHAT I NEED! NOW I JUST PRAY THAT IT WORKS!
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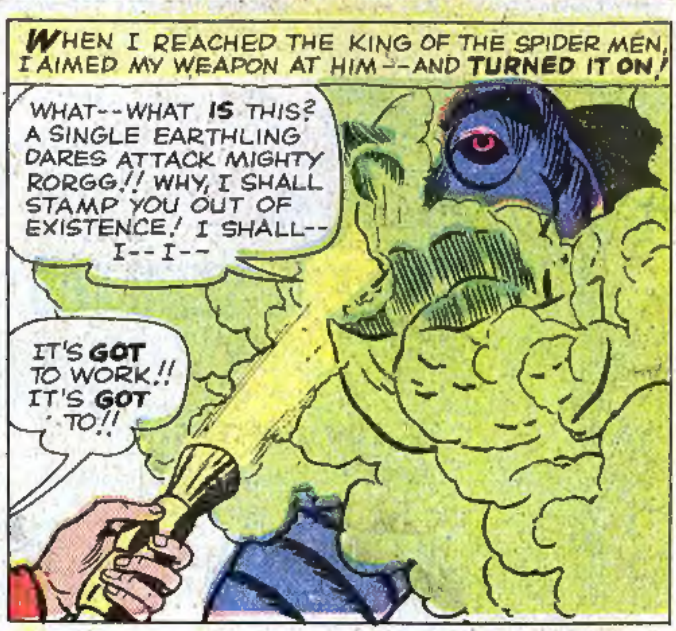
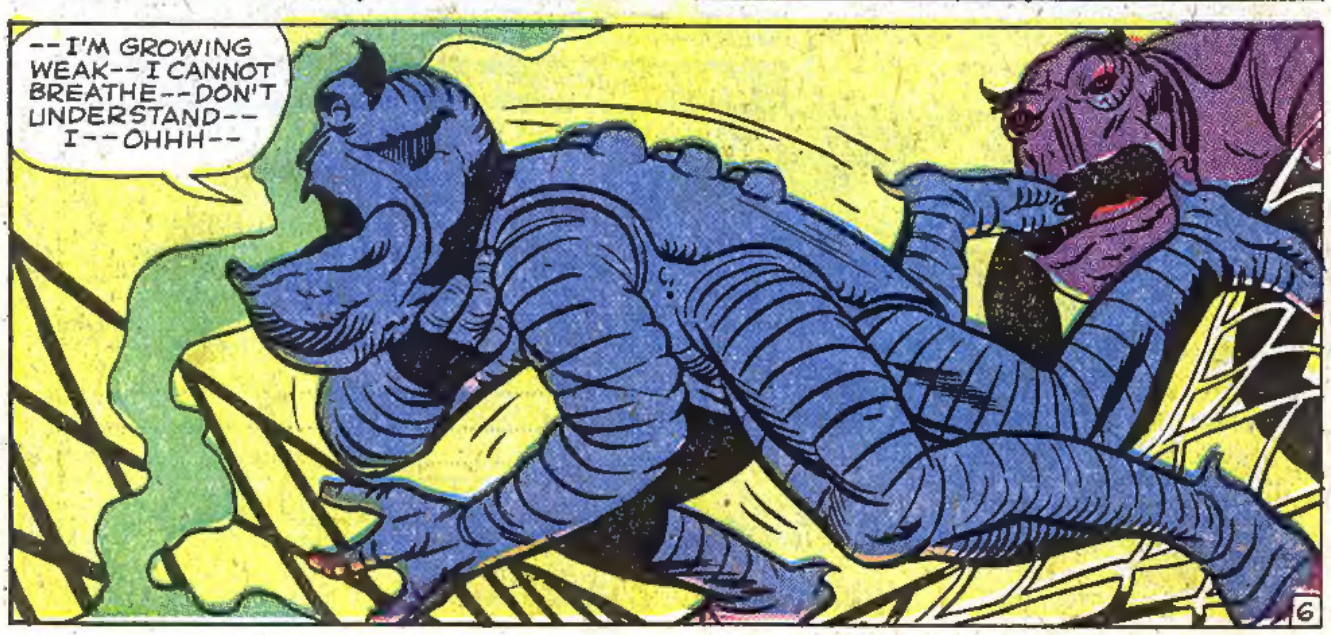

WHEN I REACHED THE KING OF THE SPIDER MEN, I AIMED MY WEAPON AT HIM--AND TURNED IT ON!
WHAT--WHAT IS THIS? A SINGLE EARTHLING DARES ATTACK MIGHTY RORGG!! WHY, I SHALL STAMP YOU OUT OF EXISTENCE! I SHALL-- I--I--
IT'S GOT TO WORK!! IT'S GOT TO!!


--I'M GROWING WEAK--I CANNOT BREATHE--DON'T UNDERSTAND-- I--OHHH--

A MOMENT LATER, THE MALEVOLENT RORGG WAS SILENT-- **FOREVER!**

OUR LEADER MOVES NO MORE! HE HAS **PERISHED!**

THE EARTHLING'S WEAPON IS TOO POWERFUL FOR US! WE CANNOT WITHSTAND IT!

WE MUST CALL OFF THE INVASION AND RETURN HOME AT ONCE!

AND SO, DEFEATED AND DISMAYED, THE ALIEN SPIDER MEN TURNED AND HEADED FOR HOME!

OH, TIM, YOU WERE **WONDERFUL!**

YOU SAVED US ALL, SON!

YES, BUT **HOW**?? **WHAT** WAS THAT STUFF YOU SPRAYED AT THE GIANT SPIDER MAN??

THAT STUFF-- THAT VAPOR-- WAS NOTHING MORE THAN ORDINARY **DDT!!** YOU SEE, I FIGURED IF A LITTLE BIT OF **DDT** CAN DESTROY A SMALL SPIDER, THAN A LARGE CONCENTRATED DOSE OF IT OUGHT TO FINISH OFF A **GIANT SPIDER!**

SO I PUT THE HARDWARE STORE'S **ENTIRE SUPPLY** OF **DDT** INTO ONE CONTAINER AND SPRAYED IT AT RORGG!

AND THAT WAS HOW IT ENDED, EXCEPT AFTER THAT TIME, I DIDN'T HAVE TO HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS TO READ MY COMIC BOOKS!

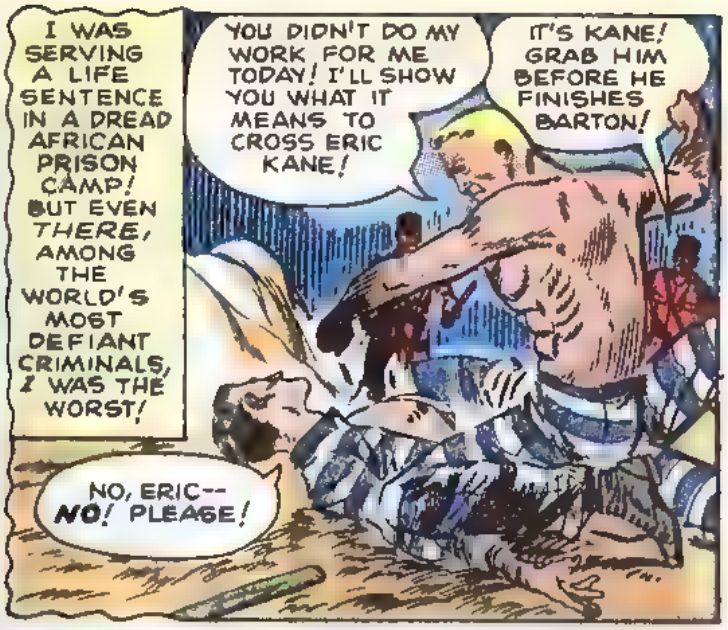
FRANK, TIM IS AT THOSE MAGAZINES AGAIN! AND NOW HE'S GOT **ANN** READING THEM, TOO!

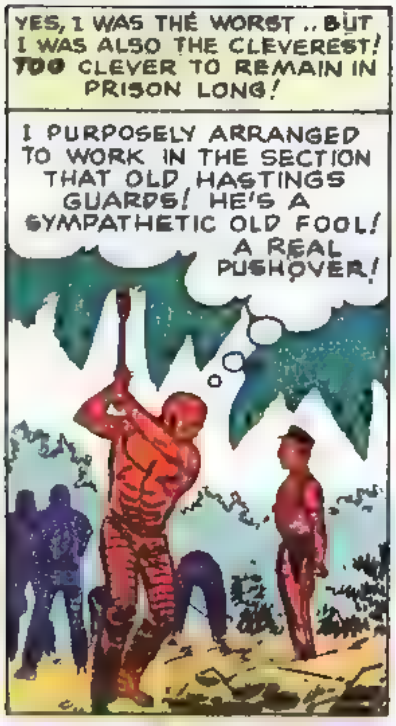
THAT'S ALRIGHT, DEAR...LET THEM ALONE!

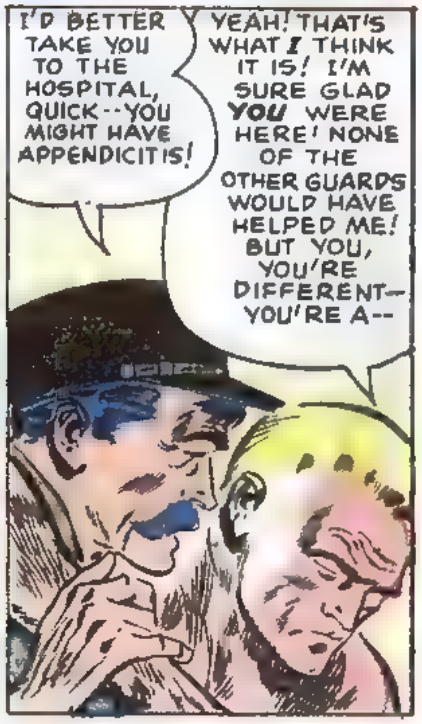
THOSE SCIENCE-FICTION STORIES STIMULATE THEIR IMAGINATION, THEIR DESIRE TO KNOW, TO UNDERSTAND! AND IN A UNIVERSE FILLED WITH COUNTLESS UNKNOWN DANGERS, WE NEED INQUIRING, IMAGINATIVE MINDS! WE MAY SOME DAY NEED THEM FOR OUR VERY SURVIVAL!

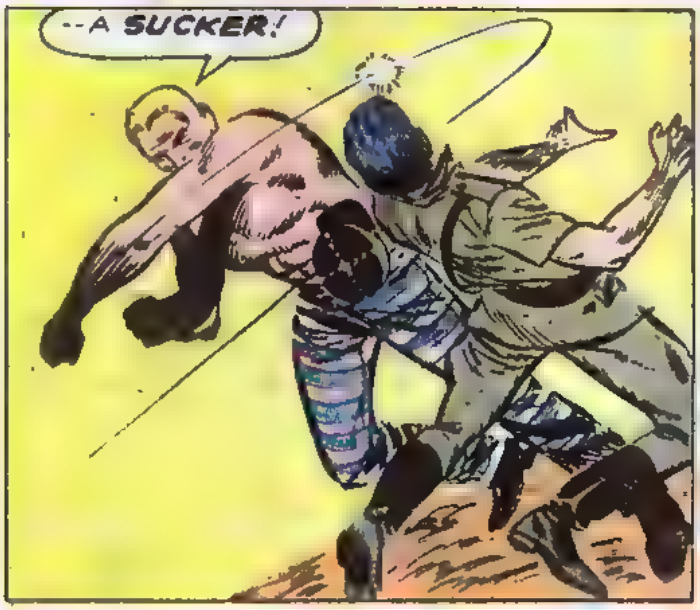
I FOUND THE LAIR OF... THE LIZARD MEN

EVEN NOW, AS I SIT HERE IN BLACK DESPAIR, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S REAL! IT'S TOO FANTASTIC--TOO HORRIBLE! IF I COULD ONLY GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING...IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER .. I MUST REMEMBER.., REMEMBER...

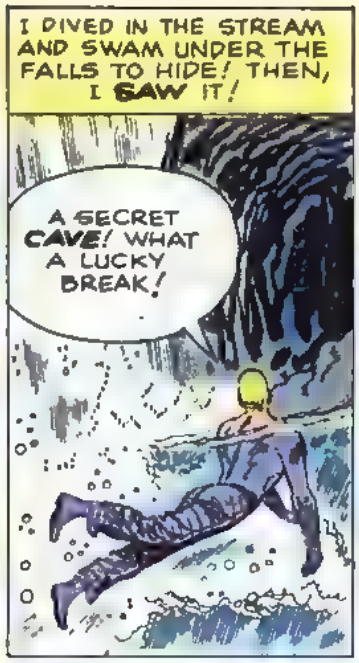


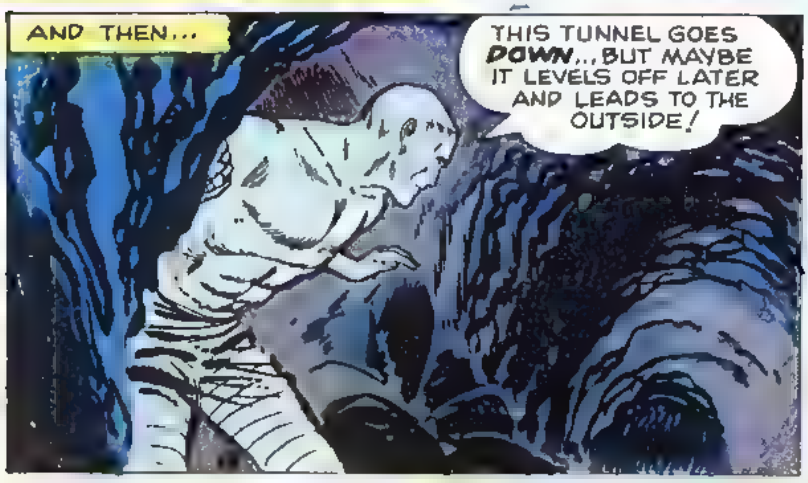






LEAVING THE OLD GUARD UNCONSCIOUS, I STARTED TO RUN...





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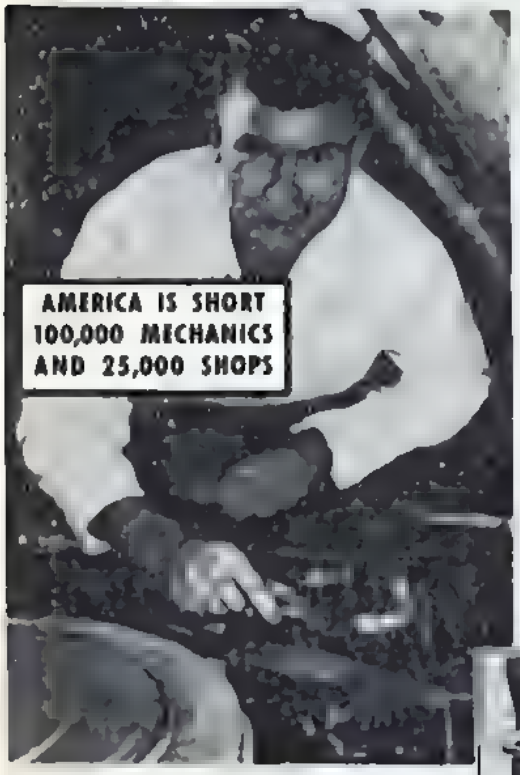

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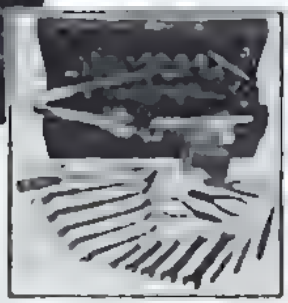

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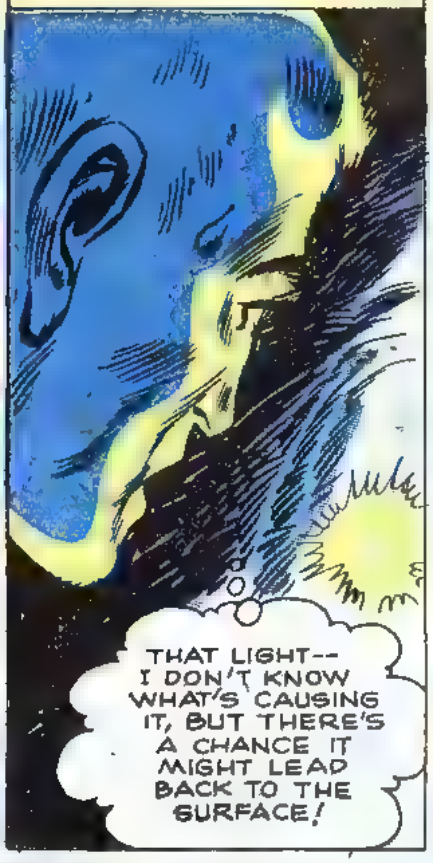
I RAN UNTIL I CAME TO THE END OF THE TUNNEL, WHERE I SAW A STRANGE LIGHT!



BUT WHEN I REACHED THE LIGHT -- WHEN I DISCOVERED ITS PRECIOUS, GLOWING SOURCE...

THERE IT WAS, A FORTUNE IN ONE STONE! ALL I HAD TO DO WAS ***TAKE*** IT, AND I'D BE RICHER THAN I COULD BECOME IN A LIFETIME OF CRIME...

THEY STARTED TO MOVE... SLOWLY THEY CAME INTO THE LIGHT... THIS TIME I WAS ***SURROUNDED*** BY THEM... THIS TIME THERE WAS ***NO ESCAPE!***

I FOUND THE ANSWER WHEN ONE OF THEM STARTED TO SPEAK...THEN ANOTHER... AND THEN A THIRD! THESE CREATURES WERE ABLE TO THINK - TO COMMUNICATE -- JUST LIKE HUMANS!

FEAR NOT, SURFACE CREATURE! WE SHALL NOT HARM YOU!

YOU WON'T HARM ME? THEN I'M *SAFE!*

RELIEF SWEPT OVER MY TREMBLING BODY...

WHO *ARE* YOU? HOW LONG HAVE YOU *LIVED* DOWN HERE -- HIDDEN AND UNSUSPECTED?

WE ARE THE *LIZARD MEN!* WE'VE LIVED IN EARTH'S CORE FOR UNTOLD AGES!

OUR WORLD IS DARK, EXCEPT FOR THE LITTLE LIGHT GIVEN OFF BY OUR CRYSTALLIZED STONE! IT IS OUR ONLY COMFORT! OUR ONLY LUXURY!

BUT IF THINGS ARE SO *CRUMMY* HERE, WHY DO YOU *TAKE* IT? WHY DON'T YOU GO UP TO THE SURFACE, AND LIVE *THERE*??

WE HAVE OFTEN *TRIED* TO, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO BREATHE THE AIR OF THE UPPER REGIONS... IT IS *FATAL* TO US!

BUT *YOU*.. YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO BREATHE SURFACE AIR! YOU CAN GO BACK WHENEVER YOU WISH...OR, IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN REMAIN *HERE*, AS OUR HONORED GUEST!

THANKS, FELLA! THAT'S REAL NICE OF YOU!

BUT THE ONLY THING ON MY MIND WAS THE DIAMOND! I WAS DETERMINED TO *STEAL* IT!

I'D BE ROBBING THESE REFUGEES FROM A MASQUERADE OF THEIR ONLY SOURCE OF LIGHT, BUT I SHOULD WORRY!

AND SO, SLOWLY -- CASUALLY -- I EDGED MY WAY OVER TO THE GLOWING STONE! THEN -- I *GRABBED IT AND STARTED TO RUN!!*

STOP! COME *BACK!* YOU MUST NOT TAKE OUR STONE!

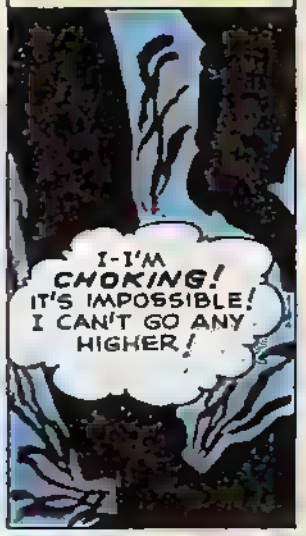
NO? TRY'N *STOP* ME!

I'LL STOP HIM-- OOF!!
I'LL BE SAFE ONCE I REACH THE SURFACE! THEY CAN'T FOLLOW ME UP THERE!
WE CAN'T STOP HIM! THE HUMAN MOVES TOO FAST!
FOOL! LET THE STONE DROP! DON'T HOLD IT ANY MORE! IT IS DANGEROUS!

DANGEROUS? HAH! SURE, I'LL BE IN DANGER OF BECOMING THE RICHEST GUY ON EARTH!

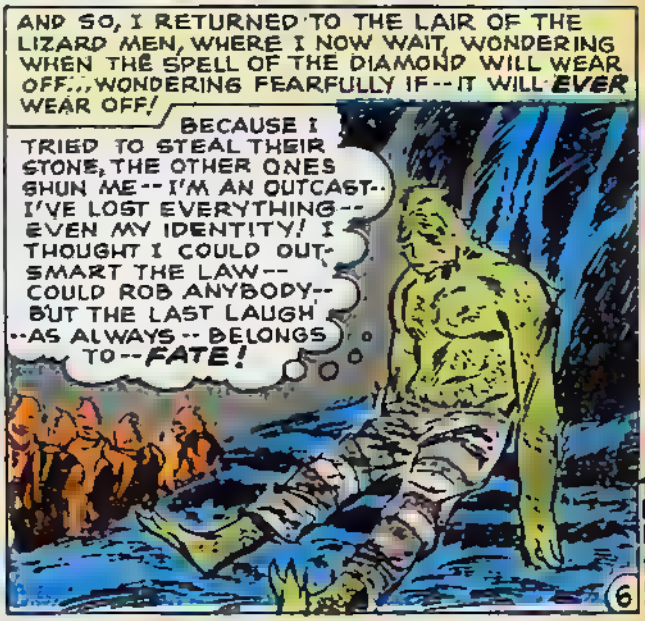
EAGERLY-- GREEDILY --I RAN WITH THE DIAMOND, BACK THROUGH THE LONG DARK TUNNEL...
I LEFT THOSE SLOW CREEPS WAY BEHIND ME! I DID IT!

BUT AS I LEFT THE BLACK, SUBTERRANEAN DEPTHS-- AS I CAME TO THE HIGHER REGIONS, IT BEGAN TO HAPPEN!
MY BREATHING! IT'S--IT'S GETTIN' HARD FOR ME TO BREATHE!


THE HIGHER I CLIMBED-- THE HARDER IT WAS FOR ME TO BREATHE!
I-I'M CHOKING! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I CAN'T GO ANY HIGHER!

AND THEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I LOOKED AT MYSELF--AND THERE IN THE MURKY GLOOM, I SAW THE UNBELIEVABLE, THE NERVE-SHATTERING SIGHT...
I'M CHANGING! --I'M BECOMING ONE OF-- --THEM!!

THE LIZARD MEN HAD NOT JUST TRIED TO FRIGHTEN ME! THEY HAD SPOKEN THE TRUTH! HOLDING ON TO THE DIAMOND TOO LONG WAS DANGEROUS, AND I WAS THE LIVING PROOF!
THE DIAMOND HAS TURNED ME INTO-- (SOB)-- A LIZARD MAN!


AND SO, I RETURNED TO THE LAIR OF THE LIZARD MEN, WHERE I NOW WAIT, WONDERING WHEN THE SPELL OF THE DIAMOND WILL WEAR OFF... WONDERING FEARFULLY IF-- IT WILL EVER WEAR OFF!
BECAUSE I TRIED TO STEAL THEIR STONE, THE OTHER ONES SHUN ME-- I'M AN OUTCAST-- I'VE LOST EVERYTHING-- EVEN MY IDENTITY! I THOUGHT I COULD OUT-SMART THE LAW-- COULD ROB ANYBODY-- BUT THE LAST LAUGH --AS ALWAYS-- BELONGS TO--FATE!

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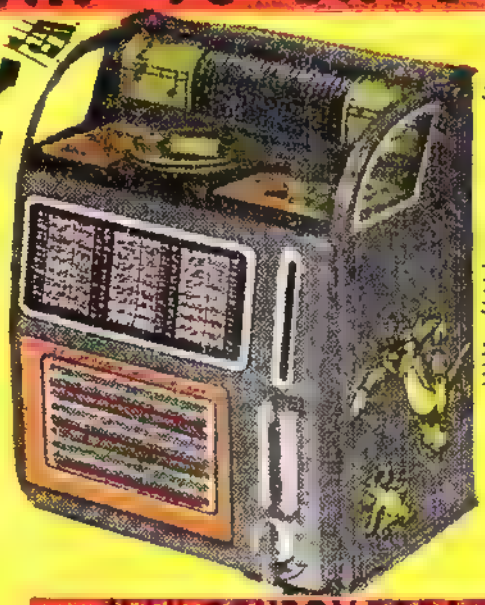

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NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT -- HUGO BARGE WAS JUST PLAIN **FAT**! BUT UNLIKE MOST FAT PEOPLE, HE WAS ALSO THE **MEANEST** MAN IN TOWN!

I DON'T CARE **HOW** MANY PEOPLE WILL BE OUT OF WORK! I WANT MY SOUTHERN FACTORY CLOSED AND ORDERS TRANSFERED TO MY **OTHER** PLANTS! MY PROFITS AREN'T **LARGE** ENOUGH!

WHAT IF IT **IS** THE ONLY PLAY AREA AROUND? THOSE BRATS **ANNOY** ME! BUY THE LAND AT ANY COST AND CONVERT IT INTO A PARKING LOT, OR SOMETHING!

BUT FATE HAS A WAY OF GIVING PEOPLE WHAT THEY DESERVE!

OOOH! I FEEL AWFUL! I BETTER SEE THE DOCTOR!

THE DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSIS WAS A BITTER PILL FOR HUGO BARGE!

IT'S SIMPLE, MR BARGE! YOU'RE TOO FAT! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP EATING SO MUCH--OR **ELSE**!

STOP EATING? OH, NO!!

HUGO COULDN'T STOP EATING! HE TRIED EVERYTHING! PILLS, TONICS, EXERCISES! BUT HE **STILL** COULDN'T LOSE AN OUNCE!

IT'S HOPELESS!

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FINALLY IN DESPERATION, HUGO BARGE BEGAN TO CLUTCH AT **STRAWS**!

SAY! LOOK AT THIS IN THE PAPER!

"OVERWEIGHT NO PROBLEM FOR EUROPEANS"! I'LL BET **THEY** HAVE WAYS TO REDUCE WITHOUT STARVING THEMSELVES!

THE VERY NEXT FLIGHT TO EUROPE CONTAINED ONE HOPEFUL FAT MAN!

I'LL BET THOSE EUROPEAN DOCTORS KNOW LOTS OF WAYS FOR ME TO LOSE WEIGHT WITHOUT ME HAVING TO STOP EATING!

BUT HUGO BARGE WAS **AGAIN** DOOMED TO BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT...

BRRR!! THESE FROZEN MINERAL BATHS ARE PURE **TORTURE**! I CAN'T **STAND** ANY MORE!

ANCIENT BREWS AND POTIONS! CRACKPOT CURES! **NOTHING** WORKED!

IT MUST BE DRUNK FIVE TIMES A DAY!

AAAGHH! IT TASTES HORRIBLE!

RUB THE GREASE IN GOOD, THEN YOU MUST SWEAT IT OUT!

BUT I'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR WEEKS AND I'VE **GAINED** TEN POUNDS!

THEN, WHEN ALL SEEMED HOPELESS...

HERR BARGE! I KNOW HOW YOU CAN LOSE WEIGHT-- **WITHOUT FAIL!**

ALL RIGHT! I'VE LISTENED TO EVERYONE ELSE! I MIGHT AS WELL LISTEN TO YOU, GYPSY!

NO-NO--NOT **ME! KORUMBU!** KORUMBU CAN MAKE **ANYONE** LOSE WEIGHT-- AND STILL EAT ALL YOU WISH!

TAKE ME TO HIM!! IF IT WORKS, I'LL MAKE YOU **RICH!**

I CANNOT GO ANY FURTHER WITH YOU! BEYOND THE SWAMP YOU MUST VENTURE **ALONE!**

WHY ALL THE SECRECY?? OH, WELL... IT'LL BE **WORTH** IT!

I SEEK KORUMBU!

KORUMBU RESTS IN HIS WAGON! HE SEES NO OUTSIDERS!

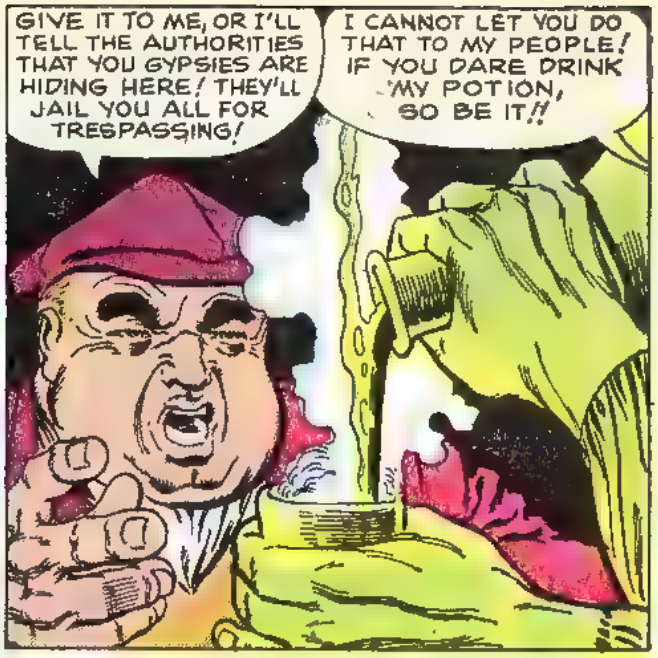
HE'LL SEE **ME!** OUTTA MY WAY!

NONE MAY DISTURB KORUMBU! **STOP!!** DO NOT INCUR HIS WRATH!

KORUMBU! YOU HAVE A REDUCING POTION! I MUST HAVE IT!

YOU DARE INTERRUPT KORUMBU?!! MY POTION MUST BE OF GREAT **IMPORTANCE** TO YOU!

I MUST HAVE IT! I'LL PAY ANY PRICE!
NO! IT IS NOT YET PERFECTED! IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS!


GIVE IT TO ME, OR I'LL TELL THE AUTHORITIES THAT YOU GYPSIES ARE HIDING HERE! THEY'LL JAIL YOU ALL FOR TRESPASSING!
I CANNOT LET YOU DO THAT TO MY PEOPLE! IF YOU DARE DRINK MY POTION, SO BE IT!!

AHH!!!

HOW LONG BEFORE--??
KORUMBU!

FADING--YOU'RE FADING AWAY... EVERYTHING IS--IS--

A STRANGE DARKNESS BLACKED OUT THE FADING FACE OF KORUMBU AND HUGO BARGE FELT HIMSELF FALLING... FALLING... FALLING...

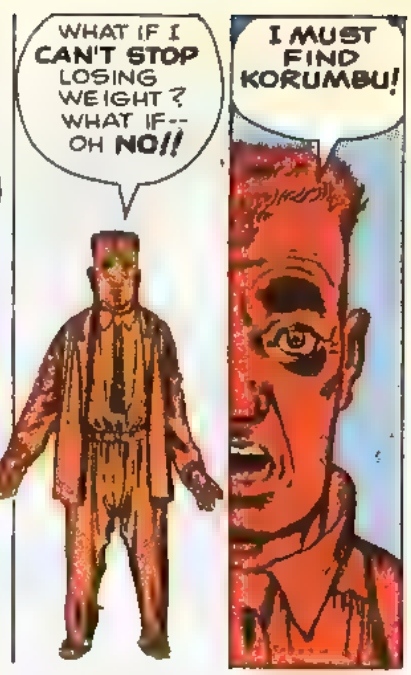
UNTIL, FINALLY...
WHA--? KORUMBU--EVERYTHING'S GONE!--THAT CROOK!! HE MUST HAVE GIVEN ME A KNOCKOUT DRINK!

BUT WAIT! LOOK!!

I'VE ALREADY LOST WEIGHT! KORUMBU'S POTION WORKS! HA HA! AND IT DIDN'T COST ME A CENT!

LATER, IN THE VILLAGE...
STRANGE, WHEN I MADE THE FITTING TWO HOURS AGO, IT WAS PERFECT! NOW IT SEEMS LOOSE...

MINUTES LATER, THE FANTASTIC TRUTH STRIKES WITH STAGGERING FORCE!
I-I'M LOSING WEIGHT BY THE MINUTE!


WHAT IF I CAN'T STOP LOSING WEIGHT? WHAT IF-- OH NO!!
I MUST FIND KORUMBU!

BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, HERR BARGE! THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY GYPSY BANDS IN OUR LAND FOR YEARS! BUT I WILL INVESTIGATE!
MONEY IS NO OBJECT! SEARCH EVERYWHERE! BUT FIND KORUMBU!
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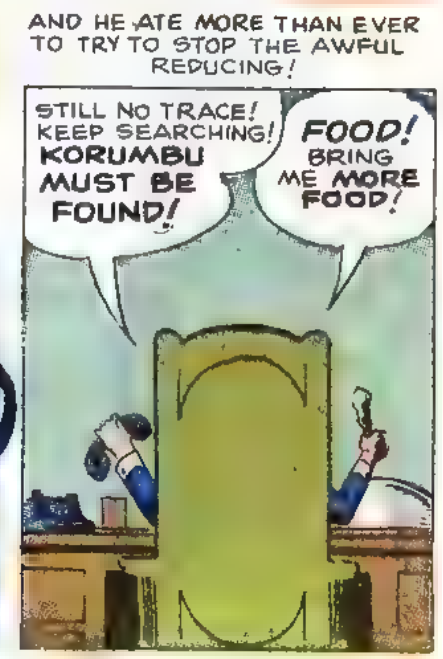
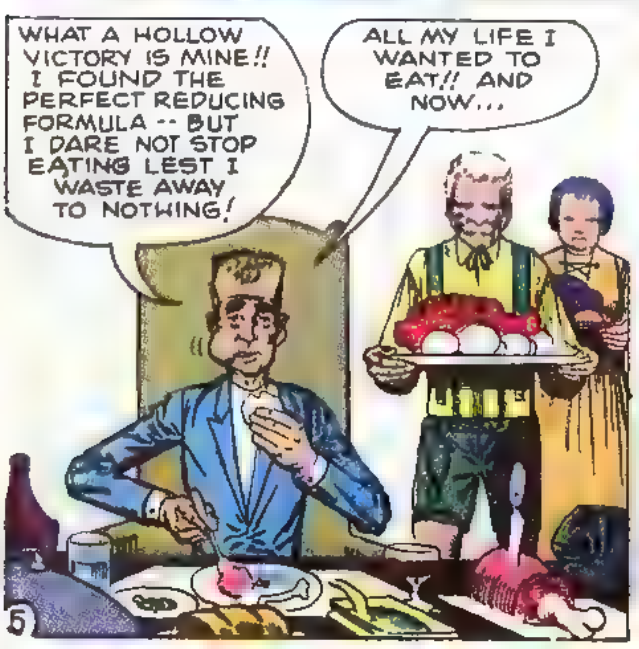
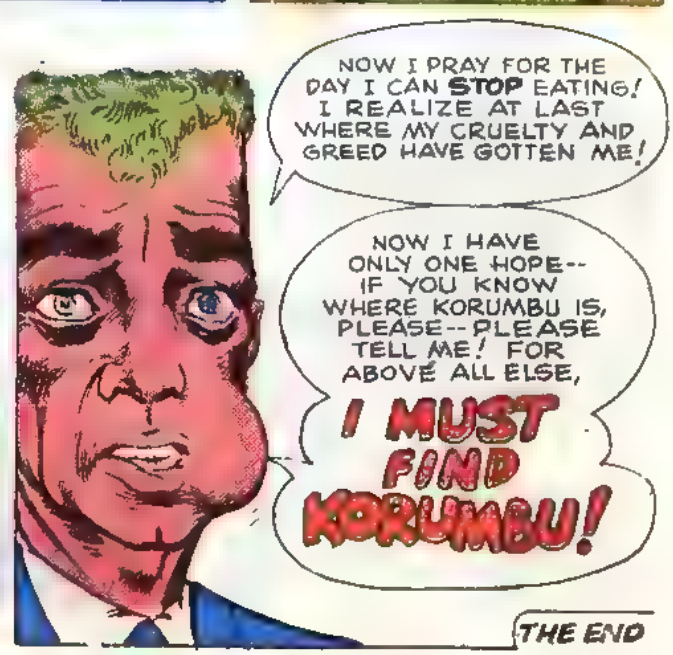
BUT ALTHOUGH HIS SEARCH SPANNED A CONTINENT, BARGE COULD FIND NO TRACE OF KORUMBU!


AND HE ATE MORE THAN EVER TO TRY TO STOP THE AWFUL REDUCING!
STILL NO TRACE! KEEP SEARCHING! KORUMBU MUST BE FOUND!
FOOD! BRING ME MORE FOOD!


WHAT A HOLLOW VICTORY IS MINE!! I FOUND THE PERFECT REDUCING FORMULA -- BUT I DARE NOT STOP EATING LEST I WASTE AWAY TO NOTHING!
ALL MY LIFE I WANTED TO EAT!! AND NOW...


NOW I PRAY FOR THE DAY I CAN STOP EATING! I REALIZE AT LAST WHERE MY CRUELTY AND GREED HAVE GOTTEN ME!
NOW I HAVE ONLY ONE HOPE-- IF YOU KNOW WHERE KORUMBU IS, PLEASE--PLEASE TELL ME! FOR ABOVE ALL ELSE,
I MUST FIND KORUMBU!

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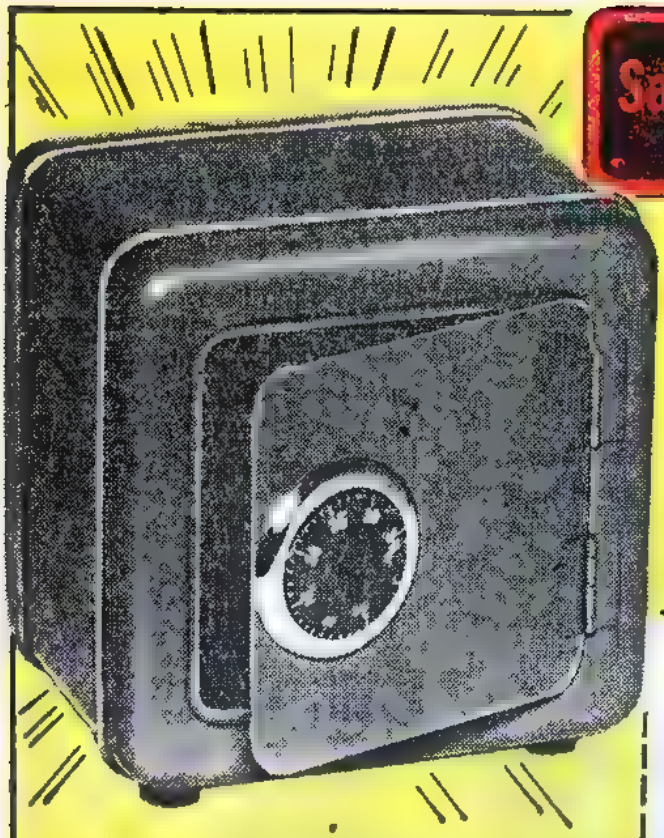

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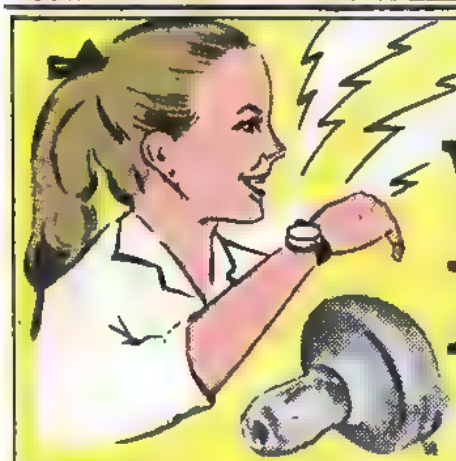

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vacation. I was just preparing to enjoy myself when this *scientific* rainmaker spoils everything for me. Now, science has its good features, son, and I'd be the last person in the Universe to talk down the merits of that noble profession. On the other hand without my help, your scientific rainmaker wouldn't stand a chance. It's been my job through the centuries to get to the scene of a storm and regulate the elements. My rainmaking stick is essential to this work, I assure you. If the magic stick isn't perfect, the storms will get out of hand. Like music, my boy, the pieces of an orchestra need a good conductor. That's what I do with rain, wind, lightning, thunder. I'm the appointed maestro for this territory. Don't you believe me?"

"Well, it does sound a little far-fetched," Hugh admitted honestly. "But I can understand how you feel if this scientific rainmaker made it necessary for you to cut short your vacation plans so that you can conduct today's storm."

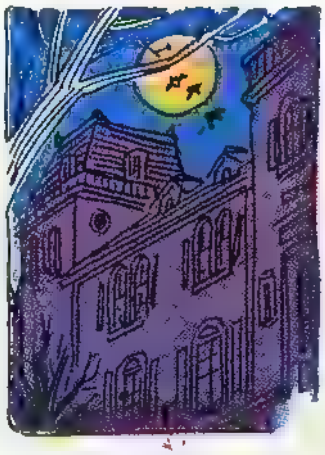
"I'm pleased to find you're sympathetic, even if you *did* break my rain stick," the stranger glowed.

"As a matter of fact," Hugh said, "the fellows and I were planning an outing this afternoon. All we needed were a few hours of sunshine to make us happy. Would have done my Pop a world of good, too, seeing as he just got over being sick."

"That is too bad," the stranger said. "Of course, in my job it's impossible to please everyone, but you are a well-mannered boy, and you've behaved nicely. You didn't mean to break the stick, did you?"

"Oh, no," said Hugh hastily. "I wouldn't be that selfish because I know the reservoir is low, or the rainmaker . . . that is, the *scientific* rainmaker wouldn't have been called in on the job."

"Well, in that case," the fellow said thoughtfully, "I might delay getting this stick fixed until . . . say six o'clock. With a little overtime 'leading', I could whip up the elements to do some overtime and make up for the rainfall I would have gotten going this afternoon. Would that suit you?"



"It certainly would," said Hugh eagerly.

The fellow picked up the broken stick and grinned cheerfully.

"All right then. Enjoy the sunshine, my boy . . . but get home by six o'clock sharp! Hurry off now, and please keep this meeting a secret. I really shouldn't talk so freely. It would never do for word to get around about me. I'd become a public spectacle and there wouldn't be time for doing my job properly."

It took Hugh some time to walk his flat-tired bicycle home. He gave the medicine to his father who had come outside to bask in the sudden sunshine.

"Cleared up unexpectedly," he said happily. "Your friends decided to go on that outing after all. They're waiting for you. But you better clean up first. From the looks of you, you must have taken quite a spill from your bike!"

Sure enough, Hugh noticed that his hands and dungarees were scraped with dirt. In the mirror he saw a dark mark on his forehead. It looked as if he might have bumped himself, but he felt no pain.

Could it be, he wondered, that in a split-second's time he had fallen from his bike and dreamed the meeting with the stranger? But if he had, how did that account for the clear skies overhead?

"I'll be back at six," he told his mother. "It's going to rain then."

"How do you know?" she asked in amazement.

Yet, at six o'clock, back home, the Wimms family watched the rain begin.

"Artificial rainmaking sure is marvelous," his father said.

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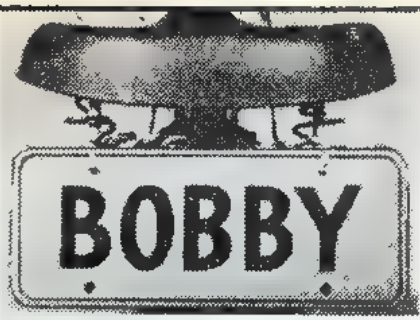

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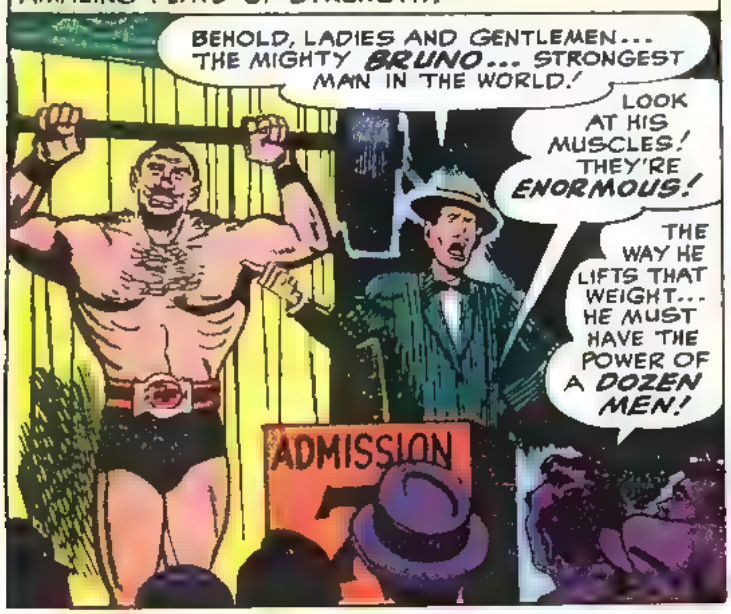
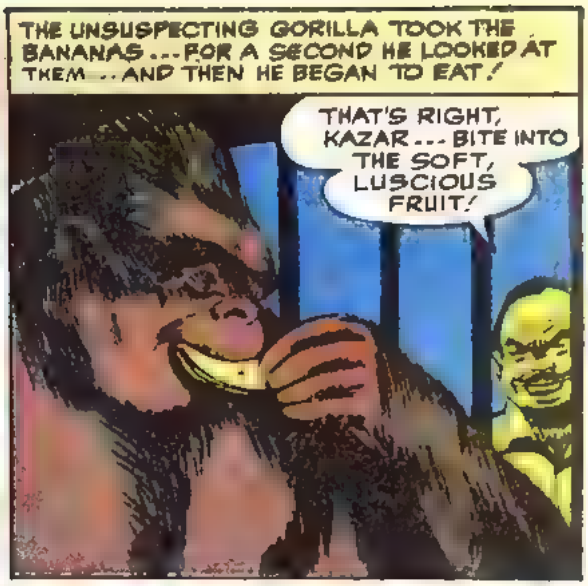
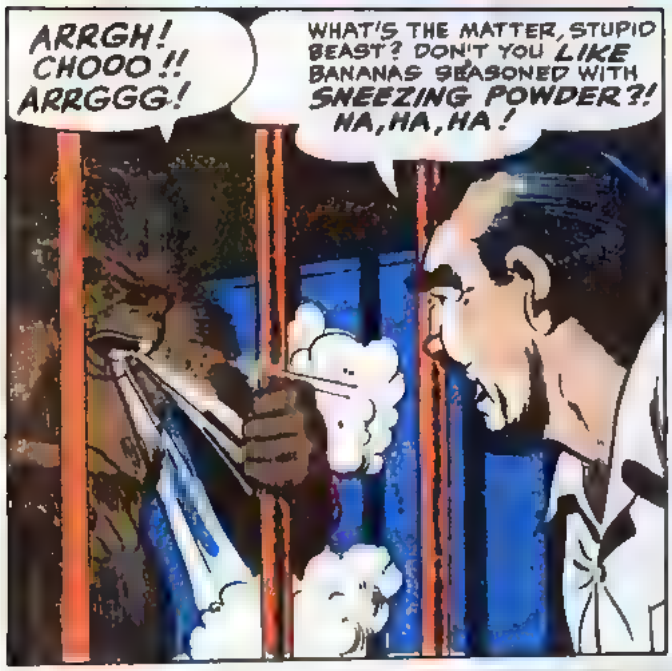
BRUNO STORME WAS THE BIGGEST CIRCUS ATTRACTION IN EUROPE! FOR YEARS HE THRILLED PEOPLE WITH HIS AMAZING FEATS OF STRENGTH!

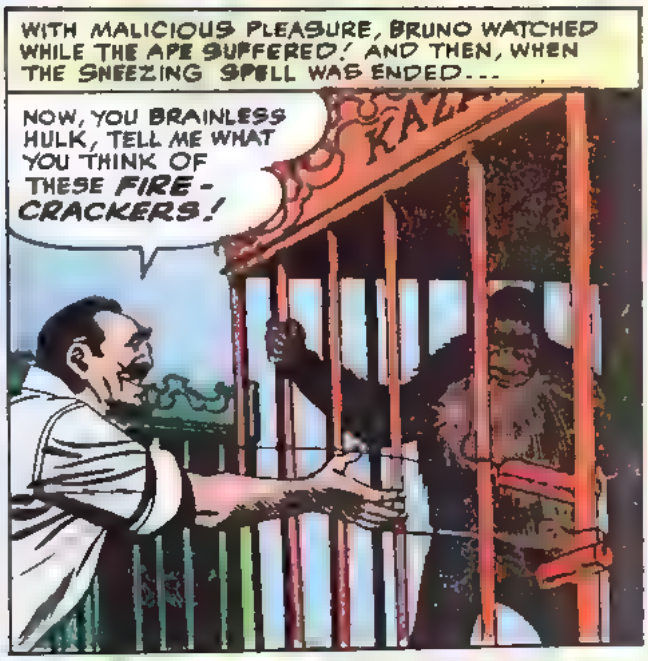


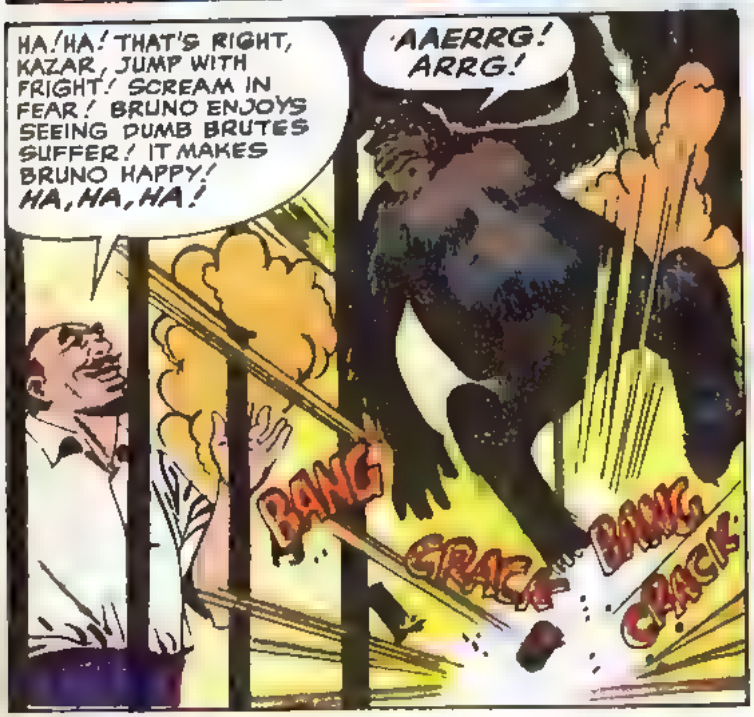
YES, BRUNO WAS POWERFUL... BUT WITHIN HIS MIGHTY FORM THERE LURKED SOMETHING *DARK* AND *SINISTER*...

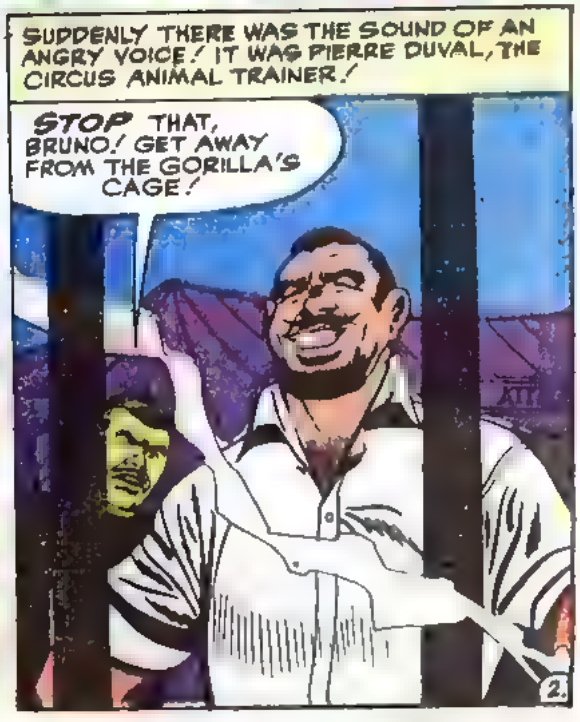
HERE, KAZAR... SEE WHAT BRUNO HAS FOR YOU! NICE RIPE BANANAS!
KAZAR

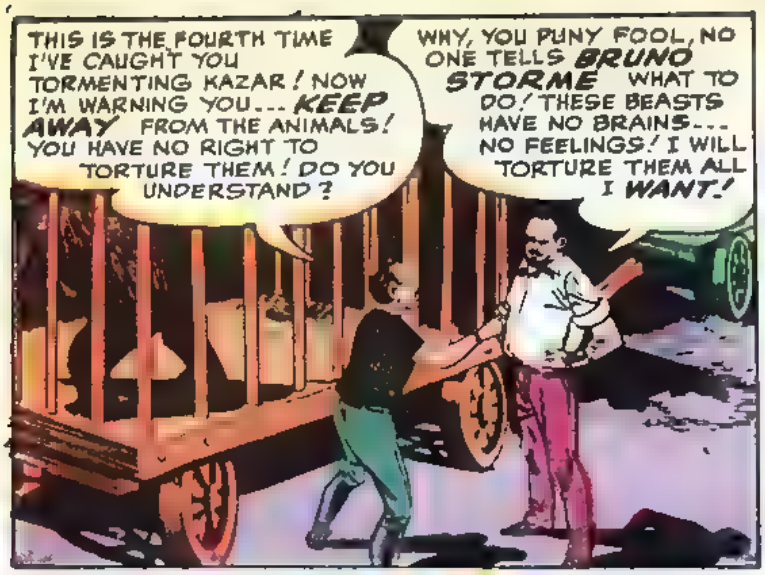

THE UNSUSPECTING GORILLA TOOK THE BANANAS... FOR A SECOND HE LOOKED AT THEM... AND THEN HE BEGAN TO EAT!
THAT'S RIGHT, KAZAR... BITE INTO THE SOFT, LUSCIOUS FRUIT!


ARRGH! CHOOO!! ARRGGG!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, STUPID BEAST? DON'T YOU LIKE BANANAS SEASONED WITH SNEEZING POWDER?! HA, HA, HA!


WITH MALICIOUS PLEASURE, BRUNO WATCHED WHILE THE APE SUFFERED! AND THEN, WHEN THE SNEEZING SPELL WAS ENDED...
NOW, YOU BRAINLESS HULK, TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK OF THESE FIRE-CRACKERS!


HA! HA! THAT'S RIGHT, KAZAR, JUMP WITH FRIGHT! SCREAM IN FEAR! BRUNO ENJOYS SEEING DUMB BRUTES SUFFER! IT MAKES BRUNO HAPPY! HA, HA, HA!
AAERRG! ARRG!
BANG
CRACK
BANG
CRACK


SUDDENLY THERE WAS THE SOUND OF AN ANGRY VOICE! IT WAS PIERRE DUVAL, THE CIRCUS ANIMAL TRAINER!
STOP THAT, BRUNO! GET AWAY FROM THE GORILLA'S CAGE!

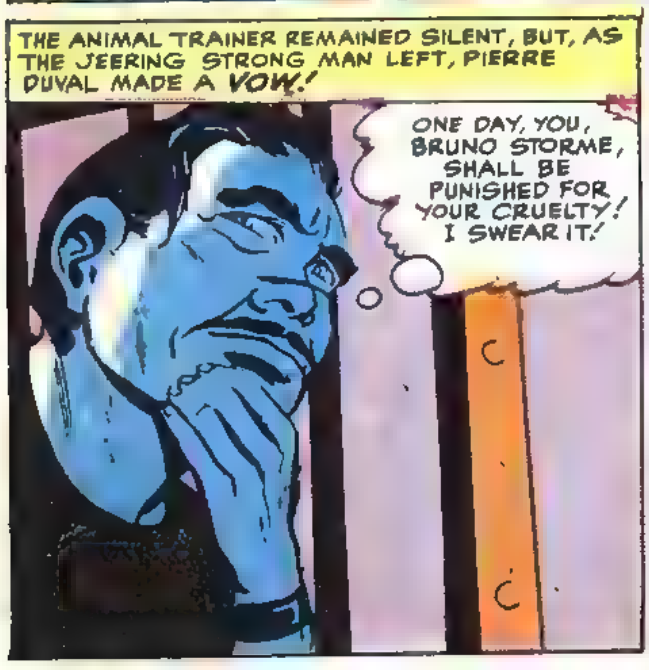

THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME I'VE CAUGHT YOU TORMENTING KAZAR! NOW I'M WARNING YOU... KEEP AWAY FROM THE ANIMALS! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO TORTURE THEM! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
WHY, YOU PUNY FOOL, NO ONE TELLS BRUNO STORME WHAT TO DO! THESE BEASTS HAVE NO BRAINS... NO FEELINGS! I WILL TORTURE THEM ALL I WANT!

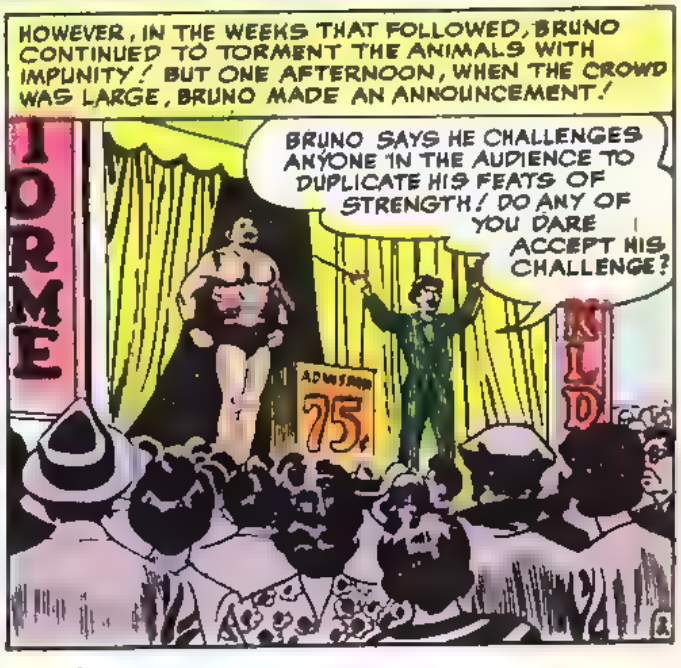
AND AS FOR YOUR WARNING, THIS IS MY ANSWER...
LET ME GO! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

BRUNO, STOP! PUT ME DOWN! BRUNO!!

SURE, I'LL PUT YOU DOWN! THERE!
OWWW!

WELL, PUNY MAN, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER WARNINGS FOR ME? COME TELL ME! DON'T BE AFRAID! BRUNO WILL NOT HURT YOU... TOO MUCH! HA, HA!


THE ANIMAL TRAINER REMAINED SILENT, BUT, AS THE JEERING STRONG MAN LEFT, PIERRE DUVAL MADE A VOW!
ONE DAY, YOU, BRUNO STORME, SHALL BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR CRUELTY! I SWEAR IT!


HOWEVER, IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, BRUNO CONTINUED TO TORMENT THE ANIMALS WITH IMPUNITY! BUT ONE AFTERNOON, WHEN THE CROWD WAS LARGE, BRUNO MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT!
BRUNO SAYS HE CHALLENGES ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE TO DUPLICATE HIS FEATS OF STRENGTH! DO ANY OF YOU DARE ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE?
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FOR A FEW MOMENTS THERE WAS NO RESPONSE! THEN, ONE STRANGER SLOWLY WALKED TOWARD THE PLATFORM!

AH, WE HAVE A CHALLENGER! STEP RIGHT UP, SIR... BRUNO WELCOMES YOU!

THAT MAN IS AS LARGE AS BRUNO!

HE LOOKS JUST AS **POWERFUL**, TOO!

AND THEN THE CONTEST BEGAN... A CONTEST WHICH PROVED CONCLUSIVELY THAT BRUNO HAD AT LAST MET HIS MATCH!

LOOK... THE CHALLENGER LIFTS A WEIGHT AS HEAVY AS BRUNO'S!

YES, AND HE LIFTS IT WITH ONLY **ONE** HAND!

TIME AFTER TIME, THE CHALLENGER SURPASSED BRUNO'S STRENGTH!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! THE CHALLENGER IS **SUPERHUMAN!**

IT IS **HE** WHO DESERVES THE NAME "STRONG MAN"!

THE FEATS OF STRENGTH CONTINUED UNTIL FINALLY, BRUNO WENT **BERSERK!** THE HUMILIATION OF DEFEAT WAS MORE THAN HE COULD BEAR!

NO MAN MAKES A FOOL OF BRUNO STORME AND LIVES! I'LL **DESTROY** YOU!

BUT BEFORE HE COULD STRIKE, BRUNO FELT THE FULL FORCE OF THE CHALLENGER'S ARM SMASH INTO HIM!

OHHHH...

THEN, BEFORE THE CROWD'S UNBELIEVING EYES, THE ASSAILANT LIFTED BRUNO AND FLED!

HEY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PUT HIM DOWN!

HE CARRIES THE MIGHTY BRUNO AS THOUGH HE WERE ONLY A TOY!

STILL CARRYING BRUNO, THE CHALLENGER DASHED FROM THE CIRCUS OVER TO A NEARBY RAILROAD YARD, WHERE HE UNLOADED HIS UNCONSCIOUS CARGO ONTO A FREIGHT TRAIN!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CIRCUS ...

THAT MAN ... HE ACTUALLY CARRIED BRUNO AWAY! BUT WHERE DID HE *TAKE* HIM??

I DON'T KNOW!

IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST! WHO *WAS* THIS STRANGER? HE'S THE STRONGEST MAN NOW *ALIVE!*

AND AS FAR AS ANYONE KNEW, THAT WAS THE *END* OF THE INCIDENT ... FOR THEY NEVER SUSPECTED WHAT WAS THEN HAPPENING INSIDE A LONELY, HIDDEN CAGE ...

YOU HAVE DONE YOUR WORK WELL, MY FRIEND! NO ONE IN THE CIRCUS WILL EVER AGAIN BE TORMENTED BY BRUNO STORME! NOW LET ME REMOVE YOUR CLOTHES!

THERE! THAT IS MUCH BETTER! NOW, KAZAR, YOU WILL BE MORE COMFORTABLE!

WITH HIS VOW TO FINISH BRUNO FULFILLED, THE ANIMAL TRAINER LEFT THE GORILLA'S CAGE!

AND WENT BACK TO HIS TENT!

SO, BRUNO THOUGHT BEASTS HAVE NO INTELLIGENCE, EH?

AS THOUGH *HE*, OR ANYONE *ELSE*, COULD EVER *KNOW!*

WELL, NOW I THINK I'LL REST UP A BIT, UNTIL IT'S TIME TO FEED THE OTHERS!

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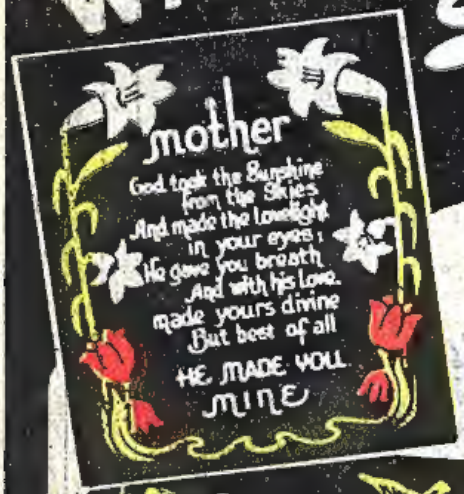

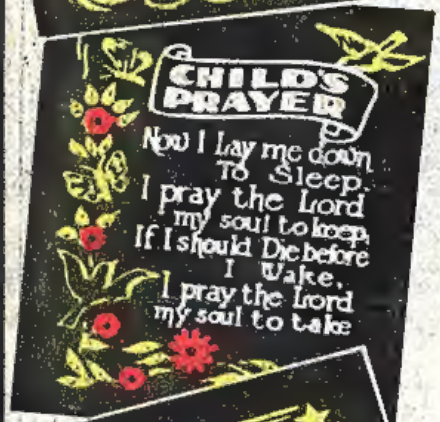

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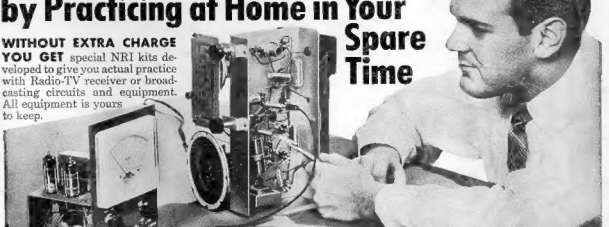

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